

November 10, 1999

Our Reference: WA-TX#0266.90

Ms. Linda K. Wertz, State Medicaid Director
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Post Office Box 13247
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Ms. Wertz:

We have reviewed your request to amend your Home and Community-Based Services Waiver No. 0266.90 (CBA) provides services to the Aged and Disabled as authorized under section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act. The amendment proposes to add home delivered meals as a waiver service. Before we can continue, we need the following additional and/or clarifying information:

Appendix G-1

Please provide the amounts for Factors D, D' and G, G' for waiver years 1 and 2. We note that the amendment does not affect these earlier waiver years but ask that you include this information for conformity.

Appendix G-2

The State included the cost of meals in the Factor D calculations for year 1 even though the amendment to add Home Delivered Meals as a waiver service is not effective until year 2. In addition, it appears that the State included the cost of meals for the entire waiver year 2 but this waiver service is not requested until August 1, 1999.

State Total CBA Utilization

Please explain the small annual amounts indicated for Prescriptions and for out of home Respite for base year 1.

Appendix G-5

In the explanation of the calculation of D', the State indicated that a survey of clients was used to assess interest in adding Home Delivered Meals as a waiver service. It is unclear how this statement affects the calculation of D'.

Appendix G-6, G-7

The State indicates that the value of G and G' was developed based on trends shown by HCFA form 372 for year 1 of waiver 0266. Please provide us with a copy of this 372 information so that we can evaluate G and G'.

Appendix G-8

Please provide us with the information for waiver year 1 and 2. This information is needed for conformity.

Under the provisions of section 1915(f) of the Social Security Act, this request stops the 90-day time frame for HCFA to take action on the material. A new 90-day time frame will not begin until we receive your response to this request. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact me at 214-767-4419.

Sincerely,

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